

2006 – 2007 Deer Hunting

Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge



General Information

Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), one of 9 management units in the Long Island Complex, established in 1947, is located along the Carmans River in Suffolk County, New York. Public hunting is permitted with appropriate permits on approximately 2,500 acres during specific times of the year. The hunting program is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in cooperation with the NY Department of Environmental Conservation.

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Wertheim, please take time to become familiar with the following regulations.

Hunting Regulations

The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and is subject to special regulations.

Special Regulations

Hunters must apply and be selected for a refuge hunting permit. There will be a **Youth Archery Hunt**, held on Saturday, **November 4, 2006**. **Regular Archery** hunting opportunities will be available during the following periods: **November 5 – 7, December 2 – 4, and December 15 – 17, 2006**. **Shotgun** hunting opportunities will be available on **January 10 and 11, 2007**. Thirty youth permits will be issued. Forty-six regular archery permits will be issued for each archery hunt period and 18 permits will be issued for the shotgun hunt period. **All selected hunters must complete and pass a refuge specific orientation test (will be mailed to all selected hunters) by September 15, 2006**. Hunters must take two antlerless deer before taking an antlered deer. The third deer may be of either sex. **Hunters must use their New York State issued deer tags for all deer taken**. Deer Management Assistant Program (DMAP) tags **will NOT** be available this year.

Permits

Refuge hunting permits are issued on a lottery system with the above specific hunting periods. All applications must be postmarked or returned to the refuge by **July 28, 2006**. The lottery drawing will be held at **10:00 AM on August 14, 2006** at the refuge office. **Hunters are not required to attend the lottery drawing.** Hunters will be assigned a specific hunting unit on the refuge. While **hunting or scouting**, permittees **MUST** carry a valid NY Hunting License and a valid Wertheim NWR Deer Hunting Permit. **Permits are not transferable.** The refuge hunt permit must be carried on the hunter's person and is not valid until signed.

Scouting

If selected to hunt at Wertheim NWR, you will be notified with specific scouting dates.

Hunter Orange

Shotgun hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner on **HEAD, CHEST, and BACK** a minimum of **400 square inches of SOLID FLOURESCENT ORANGE** clothing. Camouflage Orange alone is NOT Permitted.

Tree stands

Only portable tree stands may be used and **must be removed from the refuge each day**. Tree stands must have a tag with the hunter's name and address attached to it.

Trail markers

We do not permit the marking of any tree, trail, or other refuge feature with flagging, paint, reflective material or any other substance.

Hours

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than one hour before shooting time and leave no later than one hour after shooting hours. All hunters are required to check-in and check-out each day.

Parking

Hunters must park in designated refuge hunt parking areas only and display a refuge parking permit face-up on the vehicle dashboard (parking permit will be sent to those

individuals selected to hunt on the refuge). **Blocking gates, roads and buildings will result in being towed in addition to a fine!**

<i>Closed Areas</i>	There is a designated 500-foot “No Hunt Buffer” surrounding refuge hunting units. Hunting in this area is prohibited. See refuge hunt map for detailed location (map will be sent to those individuals selected to hunt on the refuge).
<i>Nature Trails</i>	Other outdoor enthusiasts may be using the Carmans River during the hunting season. Extreme caution should be taken when hunting near the river. Refuge nature trails will be closed to non-hunters during the hunting periods.
<i>Check Station</i>	Hunters must check in at the refuge check station at the beginning of each hunt day and check out at the end of each hunt day, even if no deer were harvested.
<i>Disabled Hunters</i>	A Special Hunting Restrictions Area (“Access for Disabled Hunters Only”) exists at the White Oak Nature Trail. Hunters must carry a special refuge access permit before entering this property. Only hunters possessing a state-issued “Permit for Physically Challenged Hunters” are eligible to receive a special refuge access permit. Contact the refuge office for details.
<i>Law enforcement</i>	Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents by federal or state law enforcement officers.

Refuge hunting areas may change each year. Hunters are required to read all hunting materials provided. Please respect adjacent landowners, **DO NOT TRESPASS!**

Prohibited Activities

- Littering
- Use of a spotlight or other artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife
- Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any attractant
- Driving or screw a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven
- Trimming or cutting vegetation
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages
- Use of ATVs and/or dirt bikes
- Target practice
- Camping and campfires
- Overnight parking
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts
- Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles
- Pets are not permitted at anytime.

An Important Message

Our wildlife is a valuable resource. Laws and regulations are intended to protect the public and resources, while allowing for some consumptive use. Hunters are encouraged to report any violations they may encounter to a State or Federal employee. The future of hunting on the refuge requires responsible hunter behavior and compliance with regulations.

Thank you. Have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience.

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